



# 2020 NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SAFE HOUSING

Addressing the Housing Needs of Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

Fall 2020 | Washington, DC

## Conference Case

Survivors of violence face significant barriers when trying to access safe housing – yet safe housing is essential to ensure their immediate and long-term health and well-being. The Technical Assistance (TA) Partners of the federal DV and Housing TA Consortium will co-host a cross-cutting national conference that uniquely focuses on issues at the complex intersections of housing instability, homelessness, domestic violence (DV), sexual assault (SA), and racial disparity.

The **2020 National Conference on Safe Housing: Addressing the Housing Needs of Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault** will be the first platform of its kind to examine, inform, and advocate at these intersections, with three broad themes: 1) Cross-sector Collaboration; 2) Collective Impact; and, 3) Innovative Practices. It will focus particularly on safe housing solutions and mobilizing for DV/SA survivors and communities of color and marginalized populations who face disparities in safe housing options. It will create an interdisciplinary space for up to 300 providers and advocates from across the country to convene for 2½ days of peer-to-peer dialogue, capacity and knowledge building, and organizing around safe housing for survivors. Researchers and policymakers will be invited to present ongoing areas of advocacy and evidence-based approaches that support community-level efforts. In addition, the forum will enable the creation of a national agenda for safe housing to improve systems and communities' comprehensive, and equitable, responses to all survivors.

## Conference Planning

A program committee comprised of representation from national-level organizations working on DV, SA, Housing, and Homelessness is currently working to develop the conference content, themes, outcomes, proposal solicitation, and conference evaluation. The committee will help to review and select workshop presenters, solicit keynote speakers, and secure resources for the conference.

## Proposed Workshop Themes

- Building Partnerships toward Safe Housing
- Racial Equity in Safe Housing
- Systemic Oppression and Safe Housing
- VAWA Implementation
- Survivor-Informed Coordinated Entry and Homeless/Housing Practices
- DV/SV, Homelessness, and Health
- Innovative Practices for Safe Housing
- Culturally-specific Safe Housing Programs
- Safety Planning for Homeless/Housing Programs
- Safe Housing for American Indians and Alaska Natives
- Trafficking and Safe Housing
- Community Organizing for Safe Housing
- Safe Housing and Outcomes for Children
- LGBTQIA Survivors and Safe Housing
- Economic Justice and Safe Housing
- Understanding Policies Impacting Safe Housing

**Housing instability, homelessness, domestic violence (DV), and sexual assault (SA), and institutionalized racism are inextricably linked:**



**Up to 57% of women** experiencing homelessness report domestic violence as the cause of their homelessness (SafeHousingPartnerships.org website, 2018).



Many homeless youth report leaving home due to **sexual abuse** (Estes & Weiner, 2011).



**64% of trafficking survivors** report being homeless or experiencing unstable housing at the time they were recruited (Polaris, 2018).



**Survivors of color** are dramatically over-represented among homeless populations, with many reporting experiences of domestic and sexual violence (SPARC, 2018).

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